

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Justin J. Cassell on December 1, 2010.

3. The application has been amended as follows:
 - a. **Please cancel Claims 23-40, 44 and 45.**

Election/Restrictions

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of Claims 23-40, 44 and 45, which are drawn to an invention that was non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, Claims 23-40, 44 and 45 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to file the claims that have been cancelled, without prejudice, in a continuing application.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 11-22, 41, 42 and 43 are allowed.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

6. Based upon the amendments made to the claims in the amendment filed on September 21, 2010, the U.S. Patent of Ahlers et al. (6,530,527; hereinafter "Ahlers") and the U.S. Patent of Bratchley et al. (6,155,605; hereinafter "Bratchley") are now the closest prior art to that which is presently claimed.

7. However, the combination of Ahlers in view of Bratchley fails to teach or fairly suggest a value/security document that comprises first, second, third and fourth feature substances that are applied to the value/security document wherein the first feature substance is incorporated into the document substrate, the second and third substances are provided in a printing ink jointly and in the form of coding, and the third feature substance comprises a material that absorbs in an infrared spectral range. Likewise, the combination of references fails to teach or suggest that the third feature substance does not absorb at a certain emission wavelength of the first feature substance or absorbs at

least part of the emission radiation at a certain emission wavelength of the fourth feature substance.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Joy whose telephone number is (571) 272-9056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM EST.

10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Ruthkosky can be reached on (571) 272-1291. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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